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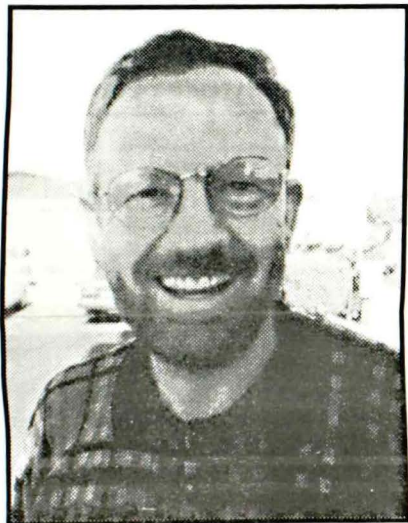
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In reviewing the year past and looking towards 1999, people come to mind who were once grabbing headlines and now have all but disappeared. Issues that were once all the rage are distant memories.

Where are they now? Here's a quick look at some past newsmakers gone, but not forgotten, by the staff at Forum Publications.

Tom Connolly

Tom Connolly was a one-term state Assemblyman, but will probably be remembered long after others serving several terms. Unfortunately, he'll be recalled as "that Assemblyman who went to prison."



The former Lemon Grove resident was released from state prison last July, having served an 18-month sentence for soliciting prostitution with a minor. He was convicted on the word of a 14-year-old girl whose history of street hustling and pathological lying was withheld from the jury.

Connolly has always maintained his innocence, although a sordid past marked by drug addiction and sexual license was spilled all over the newspapers during his two tumultuous campaigns against Republican Steve Baldwin.

Connolly's prison tenure began with some two months in a 6-by-9-foot cell, where he was shielded from other inmates who might wish him harm. The bulk of his sentence was served in San Luis Obispo's California Men's Colony.

He returned to San Diego last August, divorced by his wife, Janet, and unable to practice law, having been convicted of a felony. (His license has been suspended pending appeal of his case, which is scheduled for later this year).

The Tom Connolly that emerged from prison, however, is in many ways different from the one who went in. Gone, at least for now, is the goal-driven, Type-A personality that so marked his past.

"In prison, they strip away everything, even your name," Connolly says. "You had better find something inside yourself to believe in."

Imaging that the majority of the community would consider him despicable, Connolly kept a low profile. He decided not to contact old friends and "put them on

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the spot." Rather, he waited for those who wanted to seek him out.

Connolly found residence and work soon after his release. He's living in a La Costa condo offered by a North County attorney and working in the law office of Eugene Ellis, running the office and preparing legal documents and summaries for Ellis and other attorneys.

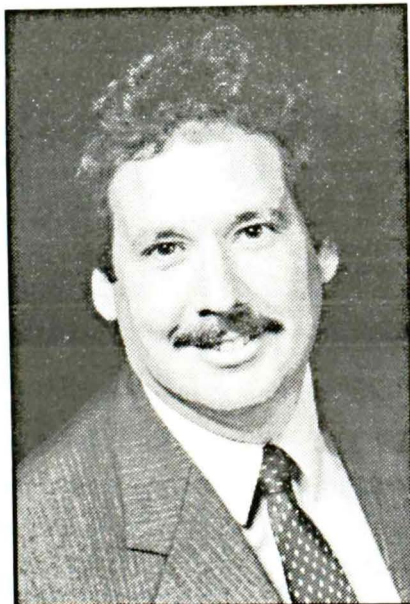
He has written about his search for meaning and sense of purpose in prison for *Star in the East*, a Catholic Worker newspaper currently found in the back of St. John of the Cross and other Catholic churches around East County.

"I'm probably as happy and content as I've ever been," he says. "I've completely surrendered to my circumstances. I don't believe things happen by accident, and I'm looking for purpose in everything that happens to me."

Brian Cochran

Since he left the office of mayor of Lemon Grove, Brian Cochran has been conspicuous by his absence.

Sometimes, all Lemonites see of their former mayor is a flash of his license plate ("LGMayor") as he drives to his law offices now located in the Gaslamp area of



downtown San Diego, or when he's eating breakfast at the Food Factory, where he goes two to three times a week.

Cochran says one of the most important parts of his legacy to the city, was the Home Depot development on Broadway. He says that he's disappointed in the lack of redevelopment taking place under the current city council.

"There's tremendous possibility for

redevelopment in Lemon Grove, with the way property values are now," said Cochran. "Council has been more focused now on things like the General Plan, and that's fine, but they could do more. Every bit of redevelopment that was started while I was on council, was finished in the six years I served."

Why did he drop out so completely from the local scene? It started with a decision to either pursue politics or his law practice full-time, as either one of them required more than part-time attention.

Cochran hasn't rested on his laurels. After his mayoralship, he tried an unsuccessful bid for congress in 1994. After that, he resolved to dedicate his efforts to his business litigation and family law practice. He also is a member of the San Diego County Clean Water Oversight Committee, and is parenting two teenagers who attend Mount Miguel High School.

There's another impediment to his continued participation in local events; he says he and Bob Burns don't get along very well. He related a moment when he was at the podium to speak at the city's 20th anniversary celebration, and Burns booed him.

"That's one of the reasons I stay kind of scarce," said Cochran. Another is because he feels this is "Mary's time", referring to current Mayor Mary Sessom, whom he says he supported in her bid for mayor. "When you've been there and you leave, you try to do it gracefully. Unless someone asks me for my help, it's better just to step back now."

And what about that license plate? Will he relinquish it for perhaps some other mayor?

"It was a gift from my mother-in-law. It would be highly offensive if I were to get rid of her gift, now wouldn't it?"

Bob Turnbull

For someone who was virtually sentenced to a career, Bob Turnbull seems he pretty well-adjusted.

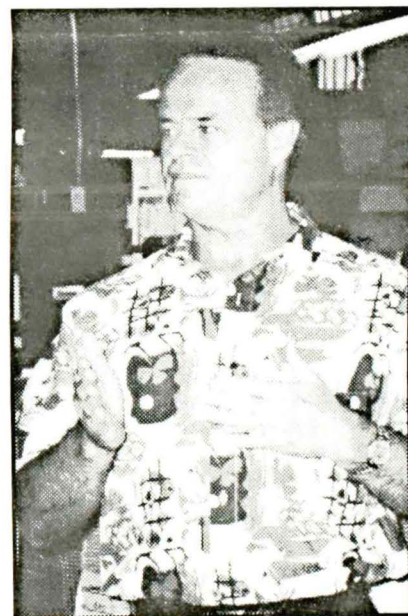
This Lemon Grove native is now a national conference, church and camp speaker based in Mission Viejo. He is also an accomplished author of many published works, eight of which were co-authored with his wife, Yvonne.

The subject matter for these books and

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tapes ranges from baseball to marriage, the last being the subject for their latest collaboration, *TeamMates: Building Your Marriage to Complete, Not Complete*.

After a successful career as an actor in Hollywood with credits like "Hawaii 5-0," "Petticoat Junction" and "L.A. Law," Turnbull served in the Honolulu Police Depart-



ment, founded the Waikiki Beach Chaplaincy and coached football and track at the University of Hawaii.

His public life began on a slightly less wholesome note, right here in Lemon Grove — back when everyone just knew him as the son of Amorita Treganza.

He was also the grandson of Trixie Treganza, who wrote a column on local flora and fauna for the *Lemon Grove Review*.

When Bob got busted for stealing soda bottles, he was sentenced by the judge to write a teen column for (then) publisher Max Goodwin.

Although the column, "Throwin' the Bull," may have been a painful beginning to journalism, he sees as a quirk of fate that began his entire writing career.

It's good for a laugh, too.

In August, the Turnbells traveled from their home in Mission Viejo to participate in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the *Review*, where he shared the tale with everyone.

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Mount Helix Cross lawsuit

It has taken a decade to resolve, and the final chapter has yet to be scrawled out in court. The cross on top of Mount Helix will most likely remain there, although the county must find a private party to go into the business of maintaining a Christian symbol.

The ruckus began in 1989, when Philadelphia-born Irish-Catholic attorney John Murphy read a news story about abortion protesters blockading a La Mesa medical facility. One of the protesters pointed to the cross on the shoulder patch of the arresting officer and asked, "Why are you arresting me? You're one of us!"

Murphy was associated with the American Civil Liberties Union and they all decided to challenge what they saw as the growing integration of church and state.

An atheist filed a lawsuit against the Mount Soledad cross. To shake off the stereotypes, Murphy challenged Mount Helix and Episcopalian James Ellis took on the La Mesa police insignia.

"I decided to be identified so it wasn't just atheists and Jews taking the hits," says Murphy, an attorney now living in Mission Hills with an office in downtown San Diego. "We tried arranging talks with Mayor Art Madrid and county officials, but no one would really talk to the ACLU. So we did it the hard way."

Murphy says he had envisioned ecumenical committees and community groups coming together to resolve the use of religious symbols by local government. He thought maybe school kids could design a secular police insignia. Officials, however, showed no interest in listening to alternative views.

In 1991, federal Judge Gordon Thompson ruled that it was unconstitutional for the county to maintain a Christian symbol on public property. The county fought the ruling all the way to the Supreme Court, which upheld Thompson.

The supervisors then deeded the ground around the base of the cross to the San Diego Historical

Society, igniting a second round of court challenges in 1995.

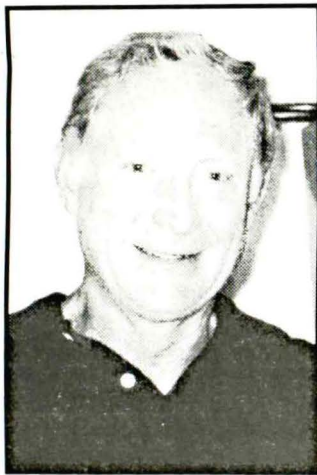
Late last year, Thompson finally ruled that the cross could stay if the county washed its hands of the land atop Mount Helix. The county may be back in court, depending on how officials try to remedy the church-state issue.

Murphy, who describes himself as a "cultural Catholic" more interested in helping the poor than studying doctrine, says he doubts there will be a solution that leaves him feeling satisfied.

"We had 10 years of the board of supervisors thumping their chests instead of finding a consensus," he says. "It saddens me there was never any discussion. The community is more separated than before, instead of people coming together to resolve the issue."

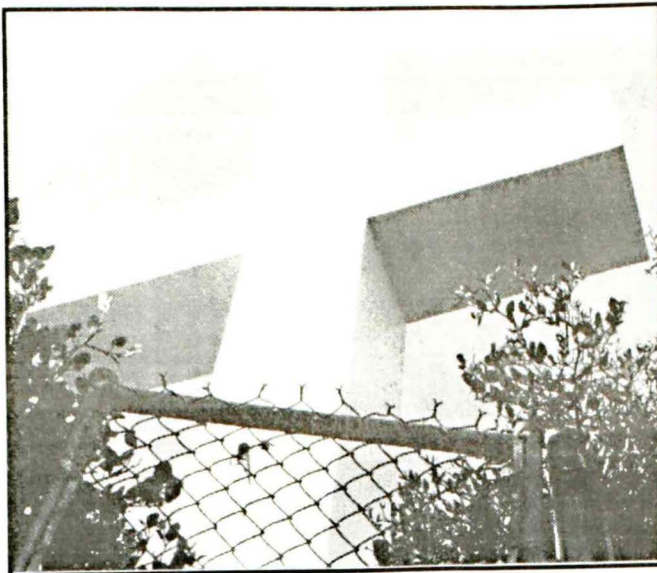
Pete Kaufman

In six years, Pete Kaufman took Forum Publications from two papers to six. Then he sold the paper to Steven Saint and declared himself retired.



Kaufman, a former general manager of the *Daily Californian*, purchased the *Lemon Grove Review* and the *Spring Valley Bulletin* from Max Goodwin in 1989. He expanded the chain to include the *La Mesa Forum*, *El Cajon Eagle*, *Santee Star* and *Lakeside Leader*.

After selling Forum Publications in 1995, Kaufman spent some time traveling and briefly



moved to Coronado. He was married on Christmas Eve in 1995 in a ceremony performed by Supervisor Dianne Jacob, and in April 1996 the Kaufmans moved to a house in Point Loma.

The house was purchased from an estate and had been neglected in recent years. Kaufman bought 46 tons of dirt, which required three dump trucks, then hauled the dirt in wheelbarrow-sized loads to the back yard.

"It's a lot like having a child," he said. "You spend time raising a lot of plants, you have to see that they're watered and don't freeze." Kaufman and his wife, Mary, are now avid gardeners and hold membership in the San Diego Horticultural Society. The Kaufmans have also taken art classes in their spare time.

They've also left the garden to others as they travel extensively.

"Altogether we've probably been on the road at least a year the three years we've been married," said Pete.

They've spent a total of eight months in Europe camping in a Volkswagen van. Domestic trips include Florida, Washington and Maine.

During their travels the Kaufmans pick up ideas for their garden, and quite often seeds to expand their horticultural empire. Kaufman spent much of 1998 training for the Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, which he ran and finished.

Between the two of them, the

couple has six children from previous marriages. Mary's parents live in Coronado; her father is 93 and her stepmother is 95, so the Kaufmans spend considerable time with them.

The man who once answered the phone with "newspapers" doesn't miss the newspaper business.

"I miss some of the people I was around with or seeing in the course of my business, but I like being retired," said the one-time board member of the Spring Valley and Lemon Grove chambers of commerce. "I don't miss any work experience."

Jo Ann Smith

Jo Ann Smith was one of the first casualties in the administrative shakedown of the Grossmont Union High School District, led mainly by former trustees Kevin LaChapelle and Nadia Davies.

Smith was constantly criticized in newsletters published in 1995 by LaChapelle allies Bruce and Andy Johnson. Concerns about the "gay agenda" (as well as a report that Smith claimed to be a lesbian) reached a peak in Johnson's August edition. True or false, Smith soon left East County to become superintendent of the Sequoia Union High School in northern California's San Mateo County.



This year will mark Smith's third at the helm of a four-high school district serving 7,100 students (the district employs only

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If Smith moved to Sequoia to avoid controversy, it didn't work. One principal made the headlines all the way in San Jose by feuding with police over when to contact outside law enforcement regarding campus violence.

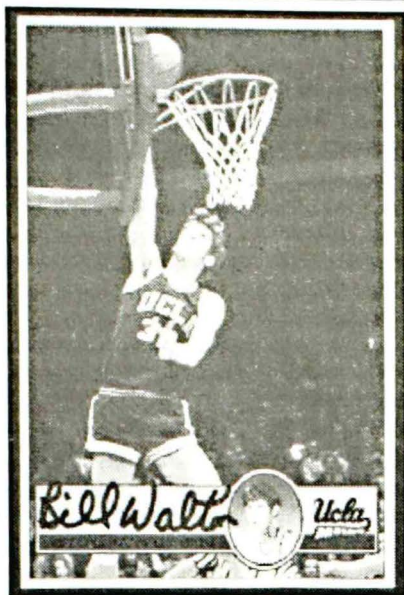
Another principal, a black woman, had to get a restraining order against a student who made racially-threatening phone calls.

Two policies that Smith has implemented during her tenure in Redwood City is closing campus for lunch and using expulsion to motivate better attendance. The closed campus policy was generally viewed as a positive move by parents and administrators. The attendance policy is part of a decade-long struggle with truancy, including a protracted lawsuit accusing some attendance policies of being anti-minority.

Bill Walton

William Theodore "Bill" Walton III was born on Nov. 5, 1952, in San Diego, and attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School. In the fourth grade, he discovered the game of basketball and it was love at first sight.

In 1966, he entered Helix High School



where Gordon Nash was his coach. As a Highlander, Walton's teams claimed back-to-back CIF championships, at one point winning 49 consecutive games.

Upon his graduation in 1970, he enrolled at UCLA and began playing for John Wooden's varsity squad in 1972, helping lead the Bruins to their last pair of NCAA titles.

Walton won Collegiate Player of The Year Awards in 1972, '73 and '74, as well as the Sullivan Award for best amateur ath-

lete in 1973. Drafted number one overall by the Portland Trailblazers in 1974, Walton led that expansion to their first and only championship three years later, defeating Julius "Dr. J" Irving and the Philadelphia 76ers, four games to two.

He won the league's Most Valuable Player honors the next season, and played with them until 1979, when he joined the (then) San Diego Clippers, moving with them to Los Angeles after the 1983-84 season.

Hampered by injuries, Walton was not the same player in the early 1980's, but did rebound enough to win the NBA's Sixth Man Award in helping the 1985-86 Boston Celtics to their 16th title.

Walton was one of only two NBA players to lead the league in both blocked shots and rebounding in the same year (the other was Wilt Chamberlain), and was an NBA All-Star twice (1977 and '78).

He retired in 1988 and began his broadcast career (doing Dallas Mavericks on Prime Ticket) two years later. It's interesting that Walton, who had a severe stutter as a youngster, overcame that impediment to get work at CBS doing the NCAA Final Four, and at NBC covering the 1996 Olympic Games.

The awards kept coming in even after he left the game as he copped Southern California Sports Broadcasters Association trophies in 1992, '93, '95 and '96. He was

also nominated for two Emmy Awards during that time. In 1993, he was inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

He currently broadcasts for the Clippers, UCLA, Fox Network's Pacific 10, NCAA and NBC's NBA coverage, as well as the NBA on NBC, but with the league's lock-out, he spends much of his free time with his family and residences in Old Town and Carlsbad.

He and his wife, Lori, are divorced, but they have four sons, Adam, 22, (who plays basketball at Cal-State Pomona after an unsuccessful stint at Louisiana State University), Nathan, 20 (a student at Princeton), Luke, 18 (Arizona) and Christopher, 17 (a senior at San Diego High and star of the hardwood).

His nephew, Kam, the son of his older brother, is also a key player for the Dons. Standing 6-foot-9 with a mop of red hair, he is often mistaken as his uncle's kid.

Seen recently at an SDSU-Arkansas State game at Cox Arena, Walton was anxious for the NBA season to resume, but enjoyed cheering the Aztecs on, especially family friend, guard David Abrahamowitz. It was his third 'tec game of the year.

"I live in San Diego, and since there's no NBA, these are the only guys in town," he joked.

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Over 450 species of trees, flowers and grasses from around the world will be used to create the garden's plantings and displays.

Training classes will be held at the garden every Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Feb. 2 through April 20. Graduation will be held on April 27. The following duties will be performed by garden docents:

- Conduct educational garden tours for schools, garden clubs, homeowners and the general public.
- Gift shop operation.
- Assist with garden weddings.
- Assist at garden public events.
- Lead bird walks.
- Office duties such as telephone, mailings, data entry, etc.

A class fee of \$45 will be used to cover the cost of materials. All docents are given first year garden membership upon class completion. For additional information, contact Doris Utter at 448-1916.

Community Notes

Class on native plants for landscaping offered

"Native Plants for Landscaping or to Appreciate" is a free, three-hour class offered from 8:50 a.m. - noon on Jan. 14 in Room 12 of the Foothills Adult Education Center, 1550 Melody Ln. in El Cajon.

The class will use slides and fresh planting materials to introduce the plants, and will focus on plant culture, use in satisfying landscapes, books in the field and where to view labeled plants. Contact Betty Newton at 401-4122 for more information.

Free blood pressure checking offered at hospital

Have your blood pressure checked for free by Grossmont Hospital's registered nurses from 9:30 - 11 a.m. on Jan. 15 at the La Mesa Senior Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd. in La Mesa. The public is welcome and there is no appointment necessary.

Dog license deadline extended

Pet owners who have missed the deadline to license their dogs can avoid late charges at upcoming clinics offered by the Department of Animal Control, including one from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Jan. 23 at Skyline Recreation Center, 8285 Skyline Drive south of Lemon Grove. Additionally, rabies vaccinations will be available for only \$4 with the purchase of a license. For recorded information, call 236-1188.

Grossmont Hospital offers free lecture on strokes

"Stroke Smart Education and Screening" includes a free lecture about the risk factors and warning signs of stroke and also free screenings at 9, 10 or 11 a.m. on Jan. 14 at Grossmont Hospital Brier Patch, classroom 15, 9000 Wakarusa St. in La Mesa. Reservations are required. Call 1-800-827-4277 for information and reservations.

Passports now available at El Cajon City Hall

The city clerk of El Cajon has been designated by the United States Passport Services as an authorized Passport Acceptance Facility. U.S. citizens can now obtain passport forms and submit applications from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Monday through Thursday on the first floor of City Hall, 200 East Main St. in El Cajon. For a complete listing of services, call the Passport Hot Line at 441-1762 or 441-1636 to speak with a passport clerk.

Australia subject of Showmasters meeting

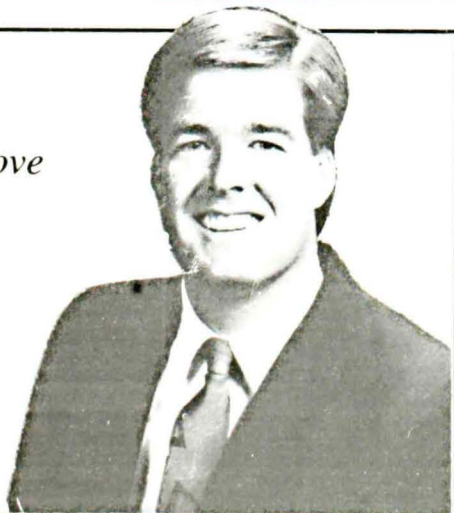
"Australian Wonderland" will be presented by the Showmasters Travel Photo Club at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 13 at the Lamplighters Theater, 8053 University Ave. in La Mesa. Photographers Brown and Jeannette Palmer will give a presentation on fairy penguins and koalas, both in sanctuaries and in the wild, and will relate their trip covering the cities of Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Cairns and Alice Springs, as well as the Great Barrier Reef. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For information, please call 422-3995.

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December	31	60	43
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January	2	79	43
January	3	77	43

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B Words by Bob Burns

I have often wailed, "Why do we not have an Irish Restaurant in Lemon Grove?" Sort of a Corned Beef and Cabbage R Us place where such culinary ecstasies might be available on a regular basis. But, my wishes have always fallen on deaf ears obviously, because one still must go all the way down to the Gaslamp District to so enjoy.

I have also asked, on occasions, why do we have to have so many Mexican restaurants in Lemon Grove? Every time you turn around, another grand opening is announced for another on top of the dozen we already have.

Not that I dislike Mexican food, quite to the contrary. But why so many? Well I recently discovered why and wish to hereby express my appreciation.

Recent medical problems caused, among other things, a new experience for me. My appetite just completely vanished. Food did not taste good at all, and I had no hunger pangs whatsoever. I lost weight at the rate of about 1/2 pound daily, and while the reduction was well needed, it was scary. It turned out that my dearth of hunger urges was due to a couple of medications that I was taking to control my diabetes and heart problems. I had visions of returning down to a similarity to that skeleton that stood in the corner of one of my pre-med classrooms.

Happily, a turnaround began and a recent lunch with my son gave it a real jump start, so to speak. We decided to try the new Mexican restaurant that has just opened up at the former site of Po Folks on Federal Blvd at College Avenue. It is called Casa De Oro.

My taste buds exploded with a familiar verve and I found myself in deep appreciation for Mexican food and its numerous outlets in Lemon Grove.

It being the newest arrival on the scene, was the reason for our giving it a try. In all fairness, I must say that I am looking forward to once again tasting the fare of the other Hispanic eateries in our town. Another newcomer is Rancho La Lena on Broadway, and the Carnitas Urupan across from St. Johns, both excellent fare. Por Favor, La Cotija, and Casa del Sol, also continue to serve delicious Mexican food.

I have tried them all over time, and been well satisfied. Taco Bell in its new location and the newer Del Taco, as well as the Albertos, are great for faster service.

Thank you very much for stimulating my return to the enjoyment of food.

I would be remiss if I did not also include an eatery owned and operated by the Alvarez family. Jane's Country Kitchen cannot be excelled in quality, and quantity of Mexican style foods. Jane and Bennie served me breakfast for many a year way back when, and they are forever appreciated.

Anyway, for what it is worth, if you have an appetite problem, go to one of the many Mexican restaurants in our town and have it corrected.

Sheriff's Log

Dec. 14, 1998

3300 blk. Massachusetts. Commercial burglary. \$100 value.

Dec. 17, 1998

1900 blk. Sonoma Ln. Residential burglary. \$18,000 value.

Dec. 17 - 20, 1998

3200 blk. Washington St. Commercial burglary. No value given.

Dec. 18 - 19, 1998

2000 blk. El Prado Ave. Petty theft. \$115 value.

Dec. 19, 1998

7400 blk. Broadway. Stolen vehicle. \$1,000 value.

1500 blk. Skyline Dr. Commercial burglary. \$20,000 value.

Dec. 20 - 21, 1998

7200 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$200 value.

Dec. 22 - 23, 1998

3200 blk. Olive Dr. Vehicle burglary. \$300 value.

2500 blk. Camino De Las Palmas. Residential burglary. \$6,300 value.

Dec. 23, 1998

6800 blk. Federal Blvd. Stolen vehicle. No value given.

6800 blk. Federal Blvd. Stolen vehicle. \$40,830 value.

8200 blk. Broadway. Stolen vehicle. No value given.

Dec. 25, 1998

3600 blk. Grove St. Vehicle burglary. \$200 value.

Lemon Grove Fire Log

Dec. 5, 1998

6900 blk. Broadway Ave. Vehicle vs. structure.

8000 blk. Broadway Ave. Fall.

3200 blk. College Pl. Assist invalid.

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Possible stroke.

Broadway Ave./Massachusetts Ave. Vehicle accident.

7600 blk. Canton Ave. Seizure.

3200 blk. Harris St. Difficulty breathing.

Dec. 6, 1998

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Fall.

3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.

3200 blk. Harris St. Seizure.

7400 blk. Beryl St. Extinguished fire.

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Unresponsive.

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Hwy 94/College Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.

8800 blk. Terrarama Ave. Structure fire residential.

7000 blk. Broadway Ave. Commercial industrial fire.

2200 blk. Lyndine St. Ringing alarm residential.

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2800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Possible pneumonia.
7300 blk. Broadway Ave. Smoke check.
1000 blk. Angelus Ave. Structure fire residential.
2700 blk. Dennis Ln. Unknown medical.
2800 blk. Olive St. Diabetic problem.
Hwy 94/Grove St. Possible heart.
7600 blk. Broadway Ave. Vehicle accident.
7900 blk. Palm St. Ringing alarms commercial.
7100 blk. W. View Pl. Choking victim.
8100 blk. Broadway Ave. Bleeding.

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3200 blk. Olive St. Chest pains.
7600 blk. Church st. Assist elderly.
2100 blk. El Prado Ave. Single engine response.
2300 blk. Central Ave. Single engine response.
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Difficulty breathing.
Massachusetts Ave./Hwy 94 Vehicle accident.
8000 blk. Broadway Ave. Gunshot/shooting victim.

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7900 blk. Broadway Ave. Bleeding.
2200 blk. El Prado Ave. Commercial industrial fire.
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Medical aid.
7000 Broadway Ave. Fall.
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Hwy 94/Lemon Grove Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.
2000 blk. Skyline Dr. Chest pains.
Broadway Ave./Lemon Grove Ave. Person down.
2300 blk. Washington St. Head injury.
2100 blk. Bonita St. Chest pains.

Dec. 12, 1998

9100 blk. Berkview Ln. Structure fire residential.
3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.
Massachusetts Ave./Hwy 94 Vehicle accident.
3200 blk., College Pl. Difficulty breathing.

City to get APCD funding after all

by Joe Naiman

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District imposes a \$2 surcharge on vehicle registrations, giving the county approximately \$3.9 million in annual revenue.

After discussion by the county's Board of Supervisors, which also acts as the board for the Air Pollution Control District, Lemon Grove will be getting some of that money, as well as the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District.

Funds are used to reduce motor vehicle emissions and for related planning, monitoring, enforcement, and technical studies.

Every other year, the Air Pollution Control District provides grants to fund significant emission reduction projects. Although there was just over \$3 million available for such grants, the Air Pollution Control District received 37 proposals requesting approximately \$7.9 million.

After ranking the projects on a complex points system, East County ended up with little for its money.

The La Mesa-Spring Valley School District was earmarked to receive the \$36,000 it had requested for a \$72,000 program to replace three gasoline vans with compressed natural gas (CNG).

The Lemon Grove School District was slated for \$230,400 of the \$509,000 cost to replace gasoline vehicles with CNG buses and to fund a fueling station.

Although the supervisors' action Dec. 16 sent the draft plan to the San Diego Association of Governments, the APCD has the final allocation authority after giving significant weight to SANDAG's comments. The board will make a final determination after receiving the

SANDAG comments.

As preliminary as the draft was, it still needed to be approved by the supervisors.

The Lemon Grove School District project which narrowly missed acceptance became a cause of Supervisor Dianne Jacob.

Jacob noted that the cost was escalated by the need for a fueling station, as there is no CNG fueling station in East County which can power a bus.

"It's kind of a Catch-22 situation, the chicken and the egg."

Therefore, stated Jacob, a fueling station would help more than just the Lemon Grove School District in converting vehicles to low-emission fuel.

"By providing funds to do this, we can begin something in East County that is available to other parts of the region," she said.

Increasing access to CNG fuel was a selling point for Supervisor Ron Roberts.

"If we could put CNGs all over the county, I would do it," he said.

"In my mind this would become a high priority. These dollars are not there to only provide buses. These dollars are there to clean up the air," said Roberts.

Jacob motioned to amend the draft plan to direct the APCD to fund the Lemon Grove School District project, a motion which was seconded by Pam Slater.

With finite funding, \$230,000 had to come from somewhere. The target was the emergency "Big Rig" removal of Trans Tek Services/Caltrans.

The possibility of state funding for that project made its elimination from funding uncontroversial at the county level. So, Jacob changed her motion to include elimination of that funding.

For Slater, funding the Lemon Grove School District wasn't a geographical issue.

She noted that children were the ones who rode in those buses and the greatest gain was improving the health of those children.

Supervisor Bill Horn had similar feelings. "I think there's nothing more important than helping a school district change their fleets over."

Roberts noted that school districts, especially smaller ones, have other concerns and wouldn't put a high priority on CNG vehicles if they have to supply the funding themselves.

He also recommended that some of the funding be set aside for a reserve so that the APCD could return with a specific plan to coordinate CNG fueling stations throughout the county.

"I think we ought to put a very high priority on these kinds of actions," Roberts said of a master plan. "Instead of a bunch of pieces of things, I think there's something we could do which would be truly significant."

The removal of the big rig from funding created \$150,000 above the funding for the Lemon Grove School District.

The supervisors increased funding for the Sorrento Valley Coaster connection by \$100,000, giving the Metropolitan Transit Development Board and the North County Transit District \$627,500 of the \$800,000 they had requested.

Although the city of Lemon Grove's bicycle patrol had been ranked below Lemon Grove's bicycle lanes, its \$4,950 request for the \$7,564 project found a place in the final draft plan.

Sessom said that the bicycle lanes project, which has a total projected cost of \$149,734, was still in Lemon Grove's near-term plans.

"With the funding that we have from SANDAG we'll probably be able to get the major ones done," she said.

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Date: Dec. 15, 1998

By: Charles D. Strick

CHARLES D. STRICK

Public Works Director/City Engineer

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING AND

NOTICE OF FILING OF A

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

FOR A PROPOSED

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AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Lemon Grove will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 25, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lemon Grove Community Center, 3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove.

SUBJECT: Hearing - Development Code Amendment ZA98-07 to consider an amendment of Section 17.24.040(B)(3) (Building Heights) and Section 18.12.060K (Exempted Signs) of the Lemon Grove Development Code to allow the poles with a maximum height of 60 feet above finished grade for flags bearing the official design of a nation, state, civic, state, civic organization, and the City of Lemon Grove.

APPLICANT: City of Lemon Grove

At said hearing, any interested person may appear and be heard. A Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact has been filed by the City of Lemon Grove for this project. The Initial Study which has been prepared for this project is available for public review in the Office of the Community Development Department, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, California within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this Notice. Questions regarding this hearing

may be addressed to Robert W. Jenkins at 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945-1797 and at (619) 464-6934 on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM.

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Commentary

by Greg Eichelberger

Abraham Lincoln once said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time; but you can't fool ALL of the people all of the time."

In 1998, Bill Clinton and his minions did their best to make a liar out of Honest Abe.

It was also a year in which the gulf between the really smart and really stupid became even more evident.

Now I could not care less if Slick Willy engaged in inappropriate behavior with a tufted titmouse while in office, in fact, the less I think about Bill Clinton getting intimate with anything the better I feel.

I do, however, have something against being lied to, especially when that person wags his bony finger in my face and says, in a smug, self-righteous way, how he is as pure as the driven snow.

Not that I'm foolish enough to believe other leaders haven't lied; Clinton just make a huge spectacle out of the denial, that's all, even duping others into doing it for him.

The frustrating part of this whole thing, if you believe in certain polls, is no one seems to care if he's trustworthy or not as long as he does a good job.

Many people just like being lied to, deceived and led around by the nose, and are either too stupid or satisfied with their own lot to care about the future of the nation.

It's not the Republicans in the House, and the five honest Democrats, that should scare these folks. It's serial liars and adulterers with no conscience who take bribes with one hand and wag the other one in the camera as if we're the ones who've

The other gulf

screwed up.

With loose cannons like James Carvel and Larry Flynt on his side, he has even managed to smear others in a pathetic attempt to make himself look better.

It also amazes me how many so-called respectable and "intelligent" people have gone to the well for this guy, sacrificing their self-respect for someone who wouldn't spit on them if they were on fire.

Take for example, the Cabinet lying for him, probably unknowingly, for seven months, and then deliberately misleading us about the "strange coincidence" during the most recent Iraq bombings.

Even his wife, humiliated by him time and time again, put what little integrity she had on the line in saying the whole Lewinsky thing was a "right wing conspiracy." She has never apologized or backed down from that ludicrous statement, and no one from the press has questioned her about it, either.

But things aren't all bleak for people who consider themselves moral, decent Americans who wouldn't even think of cheating on their wives, let alone lying about it to 250 million people on a daily basis.

Fortunately, there are Internet surveys which reveal that Clinton should be tossed out, or at least be tried in the Senate. Let's hope that the process moves forward and is not short-circuited by weak-kneed politicians with wet fingers flapping in the breeze.

Clinton may be popular (in some circles) for now, but the day will come when you will recoil in shame at ever putting this man in the White House.

I know Abraham Lincoln can't be too thrilled right now, that's for sure.

PG Perspectives

I predict

by Phillip Giannangeli

At the beginning of 1998 I made some predictions about what the coming year would bring. Since many of you didn't clip them out and post them on your refrigerator, you probably don't remember how right-on I was. Now, you'll just have to take my word for it. It was, though, amazingly uncanny how a mere mortal could be so accurate.

Who, for instance, could have foreseen the heat wave that tortured us this last summer? Boy, was I hot there. And after a previously barren 1997 movie season, it was pure brilliance when I predicted we'd have a block buster sea epic hitting the screens in 1998. My prognostication tentacles were icy cold for that one, and as to my acumen in political prognostications who wasn't shocked when I predicted elections in June and November? The ground literally shook beneath people's feet when those predictions came true.

With such a spectacular record, Forum's editor and publisher, Steve Saint, said that he'd be glad to devote an entire issue to my prophesies for the coming year. He indicated a willingness to hire the best graphic artists he could find to illustrate my visions and he said he'd even do an extra run due to the popularity he anticipated. Modesty, I declined reminding Mr. Saint that some readers might like to see the more traditional East County stories that are the hallmark of Forum Publications. Uncanny predictions notwithstanding, the public needs a full measure of Forum's East County reporting. Yielding to my argument, Mr. Saint said he would give me the usual space in my usual place. With that settled, here are my predictions for 1999. Don't forget, if you clip these predictions, you'll have both a reference record and a road map to the future.

Prediction Number 1: Heedless of the warnings being shouted at me not to go there, I'm going to predict that Martha Stewart is not going to resign as the Doyenne and Chief of a tasteful United States of America. Despite calls for her to step down due to allegations of abuse of power, Ms. Stewart is adamant in maintaining that she is doing what is best for the country whether the country knows it or not and she will not relinquish her ruffled apron and serrated pairing knife regardless of the attacks by tasteless heathens.

Prediction Number 2: I predict that the uproar over the Y2K problem will end when Bill Gates informs the world that he has ordered all computers to ignore the year 2000 and the double zero that comes with it and only recognize his new BG date code establishing BG1 as the first year in the calendar of the reign of Bill Gates. Gregorian purists may protest, but "In The Year of Our Bill Gates" will, I predict, prevail.

Prediction Number 3: Despite all the current evidence to the contrary, I predict that 1999 will find the Padres signing Ryan Leaf to a multi-year contract proving that they too know raw talent when they see it and are willing to go after it. Leaf's unique (unfocused) throwing talent will so intimidate hitters standing at the plate that I further predict the Padres will win the World Series in four games and in the final game one of Leaf's errant pitches will cause great bodily harm to George Steinbrenner.

Prediction Numbers 4, 5 & 6: Since these are all political predictions, I have lumped them together. I predict Newt will, Bill won't, and Trent will be so undecided that he'll wince and simply apply another coat of lacquer to his hair. I realize these are fairly easy prognostications, but I want to go on the record with them.

To follow last year's list of successful predictions is not an easy task. I hope this year's peek into the coming year will equal last year's success. You might want to cut them out and put them on the refrigerator for easy reference. Then again, you might not.

Letter to the Editor

Was Christie blinded by the right?

I recently received a copy of your Nov. 5 edition. It was sent to me because I was mentioned in one part of the article ["Five months with the Christian Coalition"]. To be specific, it said, "During the middle of this spiel, Gary Kendrick (an incumbent on the Grossmont Cuyamaca Board) and right-wing attorney Gary Krep sauntered in. Kendrick said nothing, but nodded his head in agreement ever so often. At the end of the meeting, Krep told the audience (consisting of 15 people) to vote for Kendrick 'because he is a God-fearing man,' to which the CC'ers replied, 'Amen.'" This was referenced as a Sept. 12, 1998 meeting.

Unfortunately for the author of your story, I was at no such meeting at that date. I do not make a habit of endorsing candidates that I do not know, even incumbents, and I do not believe that I have ever met Mr. Kendrick.

Since that time, I have had telephone conversations with Mr. Kendrick, however, I do not believe I would know what he looked like if I were to run into him. Further, I do not use phrases such as "God-fearing man." Additionally, I have never attended a Christian Coalition meeting in San Diego County.

I do not know how much else in the article is fiction, however, the comments about me certainly are.

GARY G. KREP

Executive Director, United States Justice Foundation

Editor's note: Gary Kendrick, indeed, has never met Gary Krep. Jake Christie admits he consulted a second party when identifying Kendrick's colleague. He swears it will never happen again. El Cajon Mayor Mark Lewis was the one who commended Kendrick before the Christian Coalition in September.

Reel thoughts

Everything old is new again in '99

by Betty Jo Tucker

If a movie succeeds once at the box office, why not redo it and try again?

Or, why not stick to the tried and true by making sequels, even prequels, of popular films? And if a television series of the past drew a big audience, why not produce its movie version?

Filmmakers kept these points very much in mind while preparing their 1999 releases.

Remakes of "The Out-of-Towners," "The Thomas Crown Affair," "The King and I," "The Night of the Iguana," "The Incredible Mr. Limpet," and "Gloria" will be coming to the big screen during the next 12 months.

A 19th James Bond movie is also in the works, and "Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me" gives Mike Myers another chance to spoof Agent 007.

"Toy Story 2" will be ready for fall viewing, while Morgan Freeman reprises his "Kiss the Girls" detective role in "Along Came a Spider."

Moviegoers who love a good fright will be able to see another "Carrie" film this year.

And the force will be with "Star Wars" fans when "The Phantom Menace," the first of three prequels, blasts into their galaxy.

Despite the dismal failure of last year's "The Avengers," film versions of former television series' will be showing in multiplexes this year.

These include "My Favorite Martian," "Wild, Wild West," "The Mod Squad," and Disney's animated "Tarzan" movie.

Should audiences expect any originality in the films of 1999? Maybe so. A group of comedies



The new year will be filled with yet more recycling of past movie plots and characters. As long as they keep using Antonio Banderas (scheduled to star in "The 13th Warrior"), Betty Jo's life will be good.

look promising.

Adam Sandler's devoted following can look forward to "Big Daddy" and "Little Nicky."

Lovely Drew Barrymore will be seen again in the romantic comedy, "Never Been Kissed."

Megastars Julia Roberts and Richard Gere (from "Pretty Woman") reunite for another romantic romp in "Runaway Bride."

Norm Macdonald plays a chauffeur who steals his cranky

owner's dog in "Pittsburgh."

Edward Norton and Ben Stiller take on the roles of rival men of the cloth (a priest and rabbi) in "Keeping the Faith," and Billy Crystal becomes a therapist for troubled hit man Robert DeNiro in "Analyze This."

But the most important movie event of the year will be "The 13th Warrior," starring (a drum roll please) Antonio Banderas!

Ah, yes. Happy New Year to me!

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January Forum Movie Guide for Parents



by Betty Jo Tucker

Many parents want more information about films than the Motion Picture Association of America provides in its rating system.

To assist them, Forum publishes a monthly list of new releases with notations of areas that might cause concern.

This guide does not rate a film's artistic quality and is not intended as an attempt at censorship. It is offered only as a resource for parents.

January lacks any new family-oriented releases, but "Prince of Egypt," "Mighty Joe Young," and "A Bug's Life" should still be playing. This month's films include the following:

A CIVIL ACTION (PG-13). Lawyer wages crusade against companies accused of contaminating a town's water supply. Contains some strong language.

AT FIRST SIGHT (PG-13).

After undergoing surgery, former blind man tries to adapt to world of sight. Includes sexual situations, nudity and brief strong language.

CENTRAL STATION (R). Cynical woman helps homeless boy search for his father after the youngster's mother is killed. Contains strong language.

DOWN IN THE DELTA (PG-13). Besieged family moves from Chicago to ancestral home in the Mississippi delta.

Features drug-related situations.

HILARY AND JACKIE (R). Gifted musician sisters, one suffering from multiple sclerosis, grow up in 1950s London. Contains adult language and sexuality.

HURLY BURLY (R). High-powered casting director looks for meaning in his hollow life. Includes pervasive strong language, drug use and sexual situations.

IN DREAMS (R). Psychic woman is haunted by visions of psychotic killer. Contains violence, strong language and scenes of extreme terror.

LITTLE VOICE (R). Painfully shy woman who mimics great divas of the past becomes target of smarmy agent. Includes strong



Gwyneth Paltrow with Joseph Fiennes in John Madden's "Shakespeare in Love," a Miramax film.

language and brief nudity.

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (R). Shakespeare faces writer's block until meeting a beguiling woman who wants to act. Includes sexual situations.

THE FACULTY (R). Students learn their teachers have become evil beings from outer space.

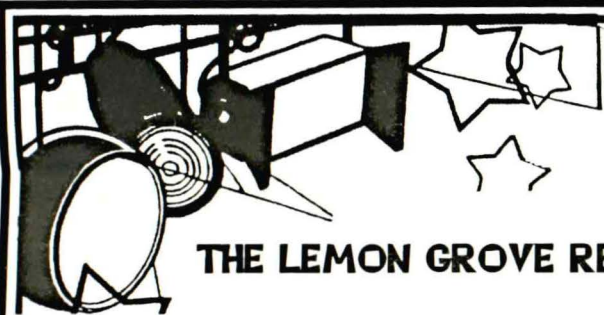
Contains sci-fi gore, strong language, sexual innuendo, drug use and nudity.

THE THIN RED LINE (R). World War II army battalion engages in pivotal Guadalcanal battle. Contains bloody war violence and strong language.

VARSITY BLUES (R). High

school football star rebels against unscrupulous coach. Contains strong language, violence, nudity, sexual situations and substance abuse.

VIRUS (R). Mysterious beings take over doomed ship (Titanic 2?). Includes sci-fi gore, violence and strong language.



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